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Mr. Jack.



The Desperate Remedy

By WEX JONES

LIFE is so soft and bread so cheap in the Isle of Bombloos that sleeping is the only thing the happy natives do. They snooze upon the beaches; they drowse within the shade, and sounds of even breathing are heard from every glade. They sleep away the morning and the baking afternoon, and only leave their slumbers at the rising of the moon. Oh, happy the community where no furtive scoundrels creep. Since on the just and unjust falls the soothing balm of sleep.



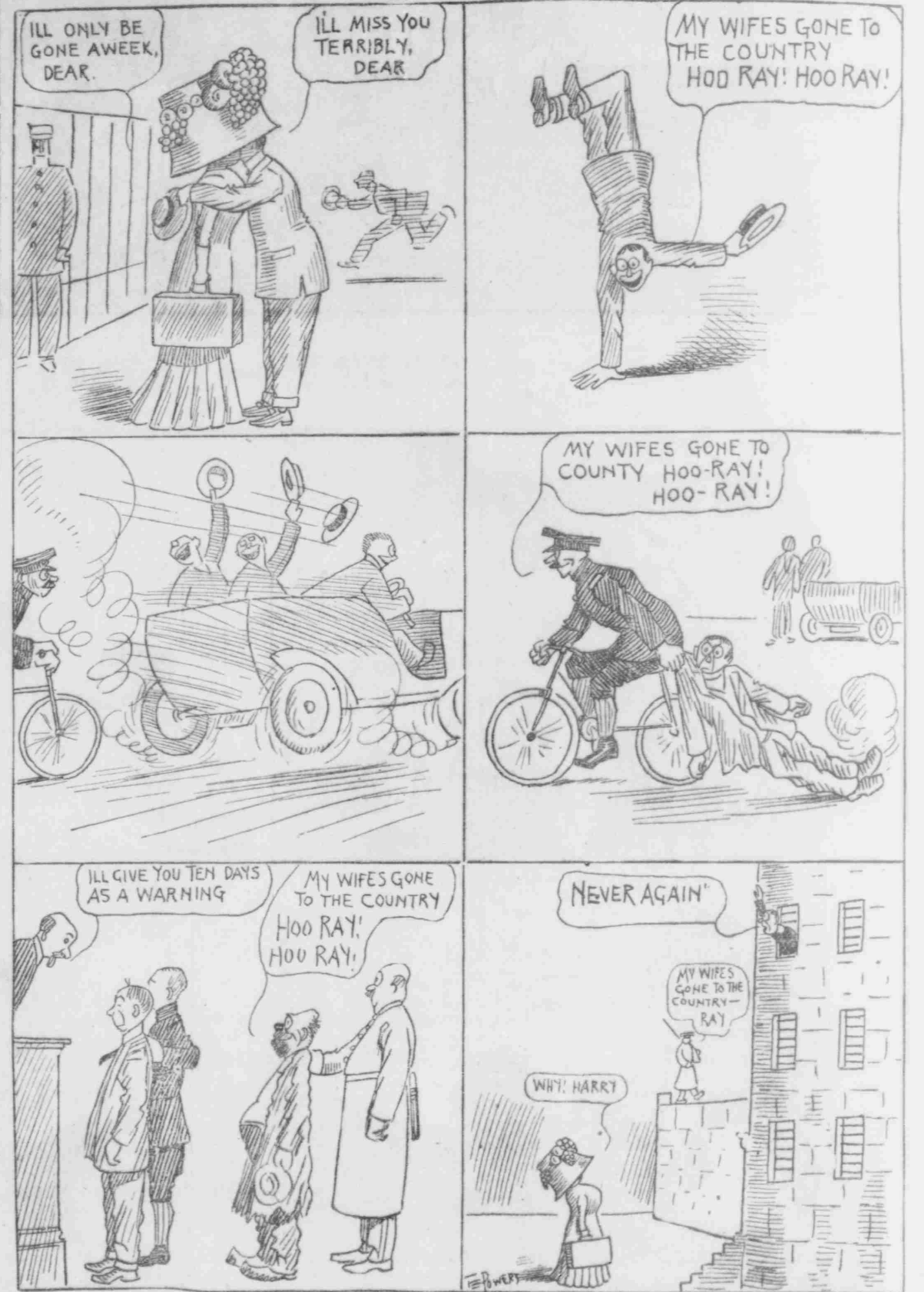
But hark, but hark! What is this row? What raucous cries are these? Awakening all the slumberers with their echoes through the trees, "Bananas!" is one shrill yell; "Fresh fish!" another cry. And, lo, two shrieking peddlers go slowly shrieking by, "Fine coconuts!" and "HIGH cash shells!" and others rend the air. While the paralyzed awakened ones can only lie and stare. But soon they flame into revolt, and, all a-thirst for blood, Hurl coconuts that their marks with many a sickening thud.



The maddened natives fumed and raged—gone all their peaceful poise—And they introduced an ordinance to put a gag on noise. Which having done, they all stretched out, to get another dose. When a awful cry of argument upon the air arose. One councillor put up his fists; one called the chief a dolt; Another stopped the orator with a wallop from a club—So great the row, the people said: "Our Parliament employs A method twenty times as bad to counteract the noise."

Never Again! By T. E. Powers.

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Little Bobbie's Pa

By WILLIAM F. KIRK



MA told Pa last night that he was crazy. Pa got awful mad, but I guess Ma is right. This is the reason why Ma told Pa that he was crazy. All last week Pa was working in the workshop which he has built for himself back of the house. He wouldn't tell Ma what he was working on, and I couldn't find out because Pa always keeps his workshop locked. Pa said that all great men, such as William Jerome & other politicians & statesmen, had their workshops, where they cooled off their brains after a hard day's work. Ma didn't care whether Pa had a workshop or not, because she was willing to see him busy making something on a turning lathe rather than to think that he was down town sneaking on how he could telephone home & get out of coming home to dinner. But last night, when Pa came into the house & said, "At last, at last, I have solved the problem of flying," then Pa was told by Ma that he was crazy. I can't make it too strong, sed Ma, you are certainly off. In other words, Ma said, the ticks has sprung out of the carpet in yure upper story. Just & sneer if you will, sed Pa. I am not surprised. It is the history of all great reputations, sed Pa. They are built up by bonanzas, & sum of them never know how grate they are until after they are dead & gone to their last reward. Never-the-less, sed Pa, I say, & say again, that I have solved the problem of flying. As soon as I get my machine patented, sed Pa, I will show you sum flying. In fact, sed Pa, if you will wait till it is dark & all the nabors can't see, I will show you my flying machine to-nite. So after we had our dinner & it got dark Pa got out his flying machine & pulled it up to the top of the house in the elevator. Ma & me was on the roof with him. Well, sed Pa, befoar I start out on this glorious flight, befoar I soar oaver the sky-scrappers of the greatest city in the United States, is there anything that you would like to have me bring you back from Brooklyn or the Bronx? I will make the whole sweep in half a hour, sed Pa. If you want me to stop at the Battery long enough to catch a fish in the Aquarium, sed Pa, say the word. Befoar you start out on this long flight, sed Ma, I want to say a word to you. I want to know if there is any word that you want to send home to yure folks. Also, sed Ma, I want to look at this wonderful airship of yures, & I want to be sure that it is big & strong enuf to support yure fat body.

There's a Reason.



If It Weren't for Father

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AND NOT ONLY THAT.

